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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***TREMONTON MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY***

SALT LAKE CITY – John Metcalf, 34, of Tremonton, will serve 10 years in federal prison for possession of child pornography. U.S. District Judge Dee Benson issued the statutory-maximum sentence Monday.

Metcalf is currently serving a sentence in the Utah State Prison for two convictions of forcible sexual abuse. His federal sentence will run consecutive to the state sentence. Metcalf will be on supervised release for 60 months when he finishes his federal sentence. (There is no parole in the federal criminal justice system.)

In a plea agreement reached with federal prosecutors in May, Metcalf admitted that in September 2007, he possessed at least 10 images of child pornography on his computer hard drives and that the images had been transferred across state lines on the Internet. The images were found on electronic media at his workplace after he was no longer employed.

Metcalf was prosecuted as a part of the Utah Project Safe Childhood initiative. The U.S. Attorney's Office and its law enforcement and prosecution partners aggressively target child sexual exploitation cases as a part of the initiative.

“We will continue to use the significant federal sentencing tools we have to bring justice to those individuals who are convicted of preying on children or using computers and the Internet to exploit or abuse children. This sentence serves as a strong reminder that the sexual exploitation of children is a crime that will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” said Acting U.S. Attorney Carlie Christensen.

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